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**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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SIGNAL ENCODING TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, SIGNAL  
DECODING RECEIVING APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM RECORDING  
MEDIUM

Attorney Docket No.: 33216M069

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

New patent application including 45 pages of text, 8 sheets of formal drawings,  
signed Declaration, signed Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet, Preliminary  
Amendment, Claim For Foreign Priority with a certified copy of the foreign priority  
document and a check for **\$1,190.00**.

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**PATENT**

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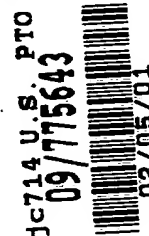
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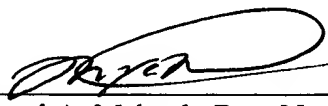


Sir:

Under the provisions of Section 119 of 35 U.S.C., Applicants hereby claim the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2000-030705 filed in Japan on February 8, 2000, relating to the above-identified United States patent application.

In support of Applicants' claim for priority, a certified copy of said Japanese application is attached hereto.

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